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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 844

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: HADDAD BRINGS UNIFIL TO A HALT

REF: JERUSALEM 839

1. AT 2:45 LOCAL, UN CALLED TO SAY MAJOR HADDAD HAD BROUGHT UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT TO A HALT. AT METULLA, HADDAD HAD STOPPED MAIN BODY OF IRANIANS NEAR THE GOOD FENCE. IDF LIAISON OFFICER WITH UNIFIL WAS ADVISED AND NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS BUT HADDAD REMAINING FIRM.

2. IRANIANS IN VICINITY OF LITANI HAD ATTEMPTED RECONNAISSANCE IN DIRECTION OF KHARDALA BRIDGE. THEY WERE STOPPED BY CHRISTIANS (UN BELIEVES PART OF HADDAD FORCES) AND INFORMED LATTER HAD MINED ROAD. IF IRANIANS ATTEMPTED TO ADVANCE, CHRISTIANS THREATENED THEY WOULD BE KILLED. HADDAD IS ALSO REFUSING TO LET SWEDES ENTER MARJAYOUN.

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3. UNHQ JERUSALEM HAS ALSO INFORMED IDF THROUGH LEVINSON AND HAS REQUESTED URGENT ASSISTANCE. CHARGE VIETS AND COL WILLIAMS IN TEL AVIV HAVE AGREED TO HELP.

4. IRANIANS HAVE ALSO RUN INTO TROUBLE AT AKIYA BRIDGE. WHEN THEY REACHED VICINITY, THEY WERE WARNED APPROACHES HAD

BEEN MINED. A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO IDF FOR A MINE
CLEARING UNIT.

5. SWEDES PROCEEDING NORTH WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED.
SWEDISH COLONEL PLUS FIVE OTHER OFFICERS ARE NOW IN NAQOURA.
REMAINDER WILL NOT REACH LEBANESE BORDER UNTIL NIGHT FALL.
HOPEFULLY, SWEDES WILL CROSS BORDER EARLY MARCH 24 AND WILL
PROCEED TO VICINITY OP MAR.

6. COMMENT: FROM ALL INDICATIONS, IDF BEING FULLY COOPERATIVE
WITH UN. IN METULLA, IDF OFFERED TO INTERSPERSE UN VEHICLES
IN ADF ARMORED COLUMN. IF FIRED UPON BY CHRISTIANS, IDF SAID
IT WOULD RETURN FIRE. UN HAS DECLINED OFFER AND IS ATTEMPTING
TO NEGOTIATE WITH HADDAD.
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